

# Pleasing God by Papa Scoot

My text is I Thessalonians 4:1-10 in the NLT if you want to include that, which we probably should

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## Rome:

“Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and **pleasing** to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, **pleasing** and perfect will.” (Romans 12:1-2, NIV)

## Corinth:

“So whether we are here in this body or away from this body, our goal is to **please** him.” (II Corinthians 5:9, NLT)

## Galatia:

“Those who live only to satisfy their own sinful nature will harvest decay and death from that sinful nature. But those who live to **please** the Spirit will harvest everlasting life from the Spirit.” (Galatians 6:8, NLT)

## Ephesus:

“Carefully determine what **pleases** the Lord.” (Ephesians 5:10, NLT)

## Philippi:

“For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what **pleases** him.” (Philippians 2:13, NLT)

## Colossae:

“Then the way you live will always honor and **please** the Lord, and your lives will produce every kind of good fruit. All the while, you will grow as you learn to know God better and better.” (Colossians 1:10, NLT)

## Timothy:

This is good [PRAYER!] and **pleases** God our Savior,” (I Timothy 2:3)

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Finally then, brethren, we request and exhort you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us *instruction* as to how you ought to walk and please God (just as you actually do walk), that you excel still more. (I Thess. 4:1, NASB)

For this is the will of God, your sanctification; that is, that you abstain from sexual immorality; that each of you know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, not in lustful passion, like the Gentiles who do not know God; and that no man transgress and defraud his brother in the matter because the Lord is the avenger in all these things, just as we also told you before and solemnly warned you. For God has not called us for the purpose of impurity, but in sanctification. So, he who rejects this is not rejecting man but the God who gives His Holy Spirit to you. (I Thess. 4:3-8, NASB)

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“Sanctification signifies the process of which *holiness* is the completed state. From the moment a man believes he becomes set apart for God, or ‘holy’ in the New Testament terminology; he is a ‘saint’ . . . this does not mean that he is morally perfect, but that he is given over to God to do His will” . . . [i.e. to do what please God, not ourselves]

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The former of these two nouns, *pathos*, properly denotes ‘a feeling which the mind suffers’, and so a passion. . . It signifies not, like Eng. “passion”, a violent feeling, but an overmastering feeling, in which the man is borne along by evil as though its passive instrument. It denotes the passive side of a vice whereas the following word *epithumia* is concerned with the active side. The combination has a meaning like ‘passion of lust’, and indicates the surrender of a man to his passion.

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Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass. (I Thess. 5:23-24)

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But we don’t need to write to you about the importance of loving each other, for God himself has taught you to love one another. Indeed, you already show your love for all the believers throughout Macedonia. Even so, dear brothers and sisters, we urge you to love them even more. (I Thess. 4:9-10)

And may the Lord make your love for one another and for all people grow and overflow, just as our love for you overflows. (I Thess. 3:12, NLT)

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Sin will be rampant everywhere, and the love of **many** will grow cold. (Mt. 24:12, NLT)

Because lawlessness is increased, **most** people’s love will grow cold. (Mt. 24:12, NASB)

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So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. (John 13:34, NLT)

“Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?” Jesus replied, “You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’” The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments. (Mt. 22:37, NLT)

For the whole law can be summed up in this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” (Gal. 5:14, NLT)

But now let me show you a way of life that is best of all. (I Cor. 12:31, NLT)

Three things will last forever—faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love. (I Cor. 13:13, NLT)

Let love be your highest goal! (I Cor. 14:1, NLT)

The purpose of my instruction is that all believers would be filled with love that comes from a pure heart, a clear conscience, and genuine faith. (I Tim. 1:5, NLT)

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Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans and widows in their distress and refusing to let the world corrupt you. (James 1:27, NLT)

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